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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Serial No.: US National Phase of  
PCT/FR00/06902

Filed: concurrently herewith

For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING IN AN AQUEOUS MEDIUM LANTHANIDES  
AND/OR ACTINIDES BY COMBINED COMPLEXING-NANOFILTRATION,  
AND NOVEL COMPLEXING AGENTS THEREFOR**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:**IN THE CLAIMS:**Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in  
the attached appendix:

3. (Amended) Process according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the molecular weight of the ligands (I)  
used is greater than the cut-off threshold of the  
nanofiltration membrane.

4. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized  
in that a ligand of formula (I.1) is used: